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College Students considered heavy drinkers

Drinking is the number one health problem on college and university campuses. President Bush included alcohol in the 1992 National Drug Control Strategy, citing it as "the most abused substance by students." The 1991 survey of high school seniors and college students by Michigan's Institute for Survey Research lends proof to this statement by indicating an increase in the number of "binge drinkers" (5 or more drinks in a row) and daily drinkers in the college-age population.

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United States Surgeon General

College students spend approximately \$5.5 billion annually to purchase 430 gallons of alcoholic beverages. This alcohol consumption can lead to dropouts, campus violence, risky sexual encounters, and even death. For example, charges of rape against a University of Richmond student were dismissed last year, when the victim testified that she was too

drunk to know she was being sexually assaulted and the defendant testified that he was so drunk that he did not realize at first that she was not consenting. Last fall, a 22-year old University of Idaho student died at his home of alcohol poisoning after consuming large quantities of alcohol at a Halloween party the previous night. It is estimated that among those currently in college, between 240,000 and 360,000 will eventually lose their lives due to drinking.

The "Put On The Brakes" program, initiated last year by the Office for Substance Abuse Prevention, seeks to raise awareness about alcohol problems on college campuses and to call for action among students, college presidents, governing boards, faculty, and administrators. Its goal is to suggest that, through concerted action by all relevant parties, a positive impact can occur.

Over the next few weeks, colleges and universities across the country will have "Spring Break." As stated by the Surgeon General last year,

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As part of the "Put On The Breaks" program, OSAP has created the *College Resource Collection* to help colleges and communities reduce alcohol-related problems, especially during the "spring break" months. This collection includes key facts about alcohol, graphics, questions and answers, and sample school policies that can help decrease drinking by college students. *Alcohol Practices, Policies, and Potentials of American Colleges and Universities: A White Paper, the Faculty Member's Handbook*, and the *Program Administrator's Handbook* are also available to give an in-depth look at the problems of drinking on college campuses and strategies for dealing with them. These materials and other helpful resources can be obtained through OSAP's National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information, which houses the most comprehensive set of alcohol and other drug information in the world.

Greek system reorganized

by Amy Bujnowski
Strobe staff

The Fitchburg State College Inter-Fraternity/Sorority Council (IFSC) hasn't changed its name, but has a whole new attitude. This comes from the adoption of a new constitution on February 19th of this year.

The improvement efforts began last April, with representatives from each recognized Greek society working with Dr. Charles Ratto and Dr. Lon Vickers of Student Affairs, and Father Rich Lewandowski, the IFSC advisor. This was the membership of the Greek Restructuring Committee, who worked over a period of ten months to reorganize the entire Greek system at FSC.

IFSC President Laura Bullen said that "we see the changes as a definite positive; (and) beneficial to the Greek system. The IFSC will be more active, participating in social service and educational endeavors in cooperation with the college."

Activities already planned for this semester include a "Greek Week", a semi-formal affair, and canned food and candy drives.

The IFSC Executive members include president Laura Bullen, vice president Gerson Colon, treasurer Carla Gonsalves, and secretary Katie Daoust.

A copy of the new IFSC constitution is on file at SGA.

Masspir mock election results

The results are in the mock Presidential primary election held by MASSPIRG last week.

A total of 67 people voted, choosing from a list of Republican, Democratic, and Independent candidates as they will appear on the ballot in Massachusetts.

The results were as follows:

Paul Tsongas	16
Bill Clinton	14
George Bush	13
Jerry Brown	7
Pat Buchanan	5
Bob Kerry	2
Ralph Nader	2
David Duke	2
Michael Levinson	2
Tom Harkin	1
J. Quinn Brisben	1
Earl F. Dodge	1
Col. James "Bo" Brite	1
Earl F. Dodge	1

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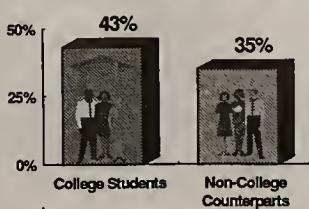
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College Students: Heavy Drinking

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New wave in computers

With names like "The Adventures of Jasper Woodbury," it's hard to believe that videodiscs could be the educational wave of the future.

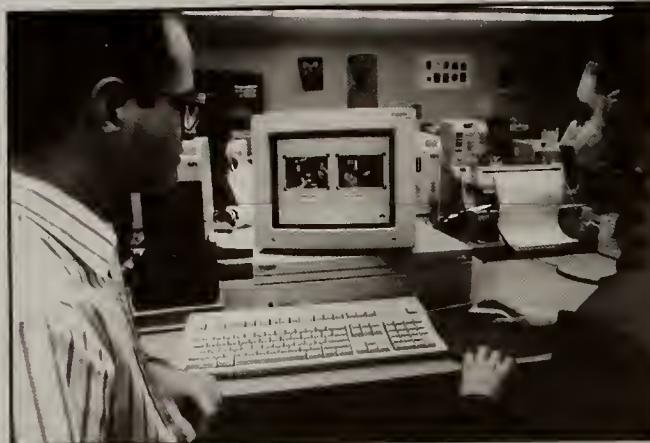
"This is the beginning of an explosion that I believe will eventually replace textbooks," said John Bransford, co-director of the Learning Technology Center at Vanderbilt University and one of the creators of the Jasper videodisc series that helps fifth- and sixth-grade students develop better mathematics, problem-solving and critical thinking skills.

The explosion is known as interactive videodisc technology. It involves the combined use of computers and video laser discs that are programmed, then read by the computer through the use of a laser beam that translates the images onto the computer screen. "Interactive" simply means that the user of the videodisc program is actively working with the information on the videodisc.

"Videodiscs are similar in technology to compact discs - they store audio images" as well as visual images, said Pam Herber, director of corporate communications for Optical Data Corp., which has sold more than 300,000 videodisc titles to about 9,200 U.S. and Japanese schools since it started about 10 years ago.

"It's growing in use throughout schools, from elementary to college," Herber said.

At Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, an innovative videodisc program has been developed to address social issues like racism. Students view social situations involving whites and blacks and choose the outcomes of the encounters, which educators say gives students immediate and personal knowledge of what it's like to face stereotypes from



black and white perspectives.

"It's been a very positive experience in education for me," said senior Grace Breyley, who now plans to pursue a career in multimedia educational technology after working with the project. "It's not just a professor standing up there talking."

The benefit with interactive video is that the person doing it gets motivated by the process because it gives them the power to choose," she adds. "It's not being spoon-fed to them."

Mary Ellen Dlouhy, vice president of sales at Quality Education Data, an educational database company that researches and tracks trends in videodisc usage, said the programs are becoming increasingly popular, especially as a way to reach younger students considered at risk of dropping out of high school or college.

"The Adventures of Jasper Woodbury" is another successful videodisc program that is showing educators the value of this cutting-edge technology.

The Jasper series is a product of Vanderbilt University's Learning Technology Center. It is the successor to a pilot

project that featured segments of the film "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

"We used Raiders because it was available on videodisc and we had people rethink it as a problem-solving venture," Bransford said. "We said, 'Gee, you have this deep pit that Indy needs to get across, and it's about two Indy's wide.' The students just started creating."

The technology was so successful with the students that the Jasper series evolved, using the same concept to help students develop problem-solving skills by following the adventures of the character Jasper Woodbury. Bransford said research showed that the videodiscs not only helped students having difficulty, but gifted students as well. And, he said Jasper's adventures have been used by students from first grade to college.

The documented results of Jasper were impressive. "The data show that at five different sites, located in five different states, with varying curricula and with widely varying levels of academic achievement, the children in classrooms where the Jasper program was implemented performed better than children in non-Jasper classrooms on an array of

attitude, conceptual, computational and problem-solving measures."

The videodisc program at Miami reinforces those findings in terms of attitude. Research conducted on the effects of the racism videodisc showed that although it didn't change already-held prejudices, its message also didn't come across as threatening or uncomfortable. Students said they enjoyed participating in the program.

About four years ago, Miami mass communications professor Bob Vogel came up with the idea of using the technology to combat racism at the school, which is more than 90 percent white.

"It started with I, as a white faculty member, realized I was prejudices...because I was uncomfortable with minority students because I wasn't used to them," he said.

During class discussions about racism Vogel said he found himself asking the one minority student in his class to represent the views of an entire race.

I realized that I was contributing to the uncomfortableness," he said. At the time, he was

teaching a graduate class on interactive video technology. So, Vogel decided to merge his social and academic interest to work with his students to create a pilot interactive videodisc program that addressed racism.

Since then, Vogel has established a three-course sequence for students interested in creating a videodisc program for use on the campus. The first class deals with sensitization to social issues, the second is an introduction to videodisc technology and the third teaches students how to create a program.

* A white student and a black student meet at a party and address stereotypes such as "all blacks can play basketball and they all listen to rap music."

* A professor accuses a black student of taking an extra study guide for an absent black student.

* A black man asks a white woman out to dinner.

* Two roommates, one white and one black, meet for the first time.

"This has empowered the students because it came from the students," Vogel said.

The program has been so successful that schools across the country have been calling Vogel for information about starting similar programs.

"What we've been trying to do is encourage other schools to do their own (videodiscs)," Vogel said. "It gets the word out on campus, it gets students involved and it's exciting when you drive it through the curriculum."

Currently, Miami is operating a Multicultural Awareness Lab that will make the technology and the student-made videodisc programs readily available to students. Students will work next on a videodisc program on gender issues.

Futures Commission issues reports

by Matt Debenhan
Staff reporter

On Friday, February 28, the Commission on the Future of the State College and Community College Systems met for the final time to discuss, among other things, the issue of curricula specialization.

Known as the Futures Commission, the nineteen-member group was formed by Governor Weld in an executive order issued June 4, 1991, and was established to evaluate the effectiveness of the state higher education system. According to the executive order, the aspects of the system being scrutinized include its "governance structure, the quality of its curricula, appropriate funding levels and funding sources, and the differentiation of its purposes and programs."

A draft of the Commission's final report was issued to its members on the February 28. Concerning the issue of specialization, also known as "consolidation," the report recommends that each state college "should offer a core program consisting of a limited number of high demand majors (approximately two to four)."

Beyond this core program, each school "should have a distinctive mission focusing on statewide (or regional) need." Given as illustrative examples of these "focus areas" in the report are Communications, Health, Business, and International Perspectives, among others. Each of these areas would include several subject majors. For example, under the area of International Perspectives, the report lists such majors as geography, international business, and cultural anthropology.

According to Hattie Moreland, a professor of Special Education at FSC who was chosen to represent the state college faculty body in the Futures Commission, the "final draft" of the report is not exactly that. There was a large amount of dissent among commission members over the issue of specialization, and "it was recommended that they rewrite that section of the report." The revised report is due to surface sometime during the week of March 9, a full two months after the January 1 deadline given by Governor Weld.

When the report is approved, certain specified sections will be voted on by the state legislature; the remaining areas will be handled by the governor's Higher Education Coordinating Council (HECC).

There is speculation that the Futures Commission report was written in part by State Secretary of Education staff members, along with a consultant from Harvard University.

Special Announcement

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 15A, Section 4, established the position of student member of the Higher Education Coordinating Council.

The Governor chooses the Student Member from a list of no more than three names of undergraduate students submitted to him by the Student Advisory Committee. This group is an Advisory Committee to the Higher Education Coordinating Council (HECC) and is composed of the community college, state college and university student trustees.

The Student Member's term of office runs from May 1 to April 30. For the period May 1 through April 30, the Student Member will be appointed from a community college.

Individual applications for the position should be submitted directly to the Student Advisory Nominating Committee at the Higher Education Coordinating Council. In addition, each eligible Student Government Association may also submit the name of an individual to be considered for the position. All applications must be postmarked by March 30, 1992.

Students interested in the position of Student Member of the HECC should contact SGA president Brian Connell at the SGA office or through campus mail.

HECC may raise student fees

FSC President Vincent Mara says that the Higher Education Coordinating Council's (HECC) latest proposal may result in an increase in fees next year.

In meeting on February 13 with the council's chancellor and state college presidents from around the state, Mara learned that the HECC wants to redefine tuition by combining the present tuition with the special crisis fee. This would result in a very big loss in revenue for all state colleges and universities.

"Presently, the college keeps one third of every dollar a student gives for tuition, and the state takes two thirds away," Mara said.

For example, FSC kept \$442 of this year's per-student tuition of \$1326, and sent \$884 back to the state. FSC acquired \$1470 from the special crisis fee assessed to each student, resulting in a total of \$1912 per student (excluding general fees) that was retained by the college.

If, however, the HECC has their way and combines tuition and the special crisis fee, the one third of this total that FSC retains would only amount to \$932 per student. The college would lose \$980 for each student, and might have to make up the difference by raising fees.

"The presidents argued with the chancellor to get the HECC to straighten out their definition of tuition," said Mara. The chancellor promised to compromise with the governor about the issue.

Another issue discussed at the meeting was governor Weld's level-funded budget for the 1993 fiscal year. Mara said that "all of the presidents were very upset with the governor's level-funded budget because the figures do not add up."

According to Donald Buckholz of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Governor Weld's proposed appropriation for higher education in his 1993 budget is \$395.2 million, down from 1992's recommendation of \$486.3 million. However, he said that Weld proposed to allow state colleges and universities to retain all revenue from tuition to make up the difference.

"Governor Weld has proposed this idea in general terms in his budget and there is no guarantee that the legislature will approve of it," Mara pointed out.

FSC's Hattie Moreland: Futures Commission member

by Matt Debenhan
Staff reporter

Much has been said about the Futures Commission, the nineteen-member committee formed by Governor Weld to evaluate the state higher education system and make recommendations concerning its structure in the future.

With its ominous-sounding name and dubious-sounding mission, the commission's activities have become the topic of much conversation in Massachusetts, and indeed here at FSC.

What most people don't know is who the commission members are. What even more people don't know is that there is one member on this campus.

Her name is Hattie Moreland, and she is a professor of Special Education here at Fitchburg State. She was

selected by the Weld administration to represent state college teachers, just as other members of the commission were chosen to represent state students, state college trustees, and other groups.

Moreland was sworn in to the Futures Commission in August of 1991, and began meeting with the group in September. The commission's final meeting was Friday, February 28, when the final report was issued to them.

According to Moreland, the meeting ended on a rather sour note, with a large number of commission members taking exception to a section of the report outlining a plan for curricula specialization.

One of the members protesting the section was Moreland herself.

"I cannot support a report that recommends the high level of

specialization that the report had," she said. A highly specialized college is not in the best interest of the region, (which is composed of) commuters and working people who want to go to school.

The report in question is being revised, with another final draft due to appear in week of March 9. If the language in this version is still unacceptable to the Futures Commission, Moreland and the other members have the option of registering a complaint with Michael Noetzel, the director of the commission. As to the content revised version, Moreland cannot speculate. "I don't know what they're thinking," she says.

All that Moreland can do between now and the week of March 9 is wait and wonder. Her feeling at this point is that "we stand to be more limited than the community colleges, at least according to the report."

Homelessness on the rise in Fitchburg

by Lisa Dancy
Staff reporter

There are a number of students who do not like walking to classes when it's cold outside. Well, imagine not having a home and living permanently outside during the winter. There are a number of homeless people in Fitchburg who do just that.

"When the state of Massachusetts takes a band-aid approach to these problems, the social services agencies have no choice but to take a band-aid approach too."

Donna White

Some stay in abandoned houses or factories, others take advantage of shelters such as Our Father's House on 53 Lunenburg Street in Fitchburg, and the Main Shelter in North Worcester County.

"We provide people with a bed, food and referrals to counselors for mental or substance abuse problems," said Barbara Gameau, Director of Our

longer than 30 days because they just don't have the rent," Gameau said.

All the people at Our Fathers House are single.

"There are no homeless families on the streets in Fitchburg, because many families in financial need are covered by welfare and helped by agencies such as the Salvation Army," said Donna White, housing specialist and human ser-

vice coordinator for the Salvation Army.

The people who stay at Our Father's House have to abide by certain rules.

"We do not accept people who are actively using drugs and alcohol. They usually end up in a Detoxification Center," said Gameau.

People end up homeless for reasons like prolonged unemployment, mental illness and severe substance abuse problems.

"We are seeing a greater number of homelessness recently because of the poor economy and the cutbacks in general relief and other services by the state government," said Gameau.

Our Father's House served 646 people last year and they are filled to capacity now.

"We have 20 beds which have been full for a while. In the past three weeks we've turned away as many as ten people a night. Sometimes we are able to put them up in ho-

tels for the night," said Gameau.

Governor Weld's proposal to cut the emergency assistance fund will hurt people who are already living in poverty.

"The general relief check is just enough for a person to get by on rent and get a few groceries," White said.

Some agencies get less funding from the government than they used to. Others are relying more on donations than they used to.

"When the state of Massachusetts takes a band-aid approach to these problems, the social service agencies have no choice but to take a band-aid approach too," White stated.

Another agency which is receiving less funding is the Elderly Nutrition Services, which serves 200,000 meals a year to people over the age of 60.

"We serve 750-800 meals a day in 19 sites in this region. Sixty percent of our lunches and dinners go out to senior citizens," said

Bob Arsenault, Director of Elderly Nutrition Services.

This is a federal program which is available free of charge. A \$1.50 donation is requested, if a person can pay. Caterers have special meals available like vegetarian and therapeutic diet meals in some areas. They also have a cookbook.

"Student volunteers put together a cookbook in which recipes from 500 senior citizens were compiled and published," said Arsenault.

Students at FSC can be involved in helping the homeless and hungry by volunteering to help in the kitchen at Our Father's Table, located on 569 Main Street in Fitchburg.

FSC's Massspire makes weekly visits to the Our Father's Table, to help out in the kitchen. Anyone interested can contact Katy Malloy or Brian Rancourt at the Massspire office located on the bottom floor of the Hammond building.

Campus Pizza relies on FSC community

by Kerry Quealey
Contributing writer

Picture a new student arriving for the first time to visit Fitchburg State College. The tour guide may show him or her the library, G-Lobby, a few academic buildings, Residence Halls, and a quick run through the essentials on campus. Campus Pizza and Variety, located on the corner of Pearl Street and Highland Avenue, is certainly an important aspect worth mentioning.

The students here show a great liking to the place.

"I can't imagine Campus Pizza not being there. It's not only convenient, but the food is good too," said Julie Brennan, class of 1995.

Brother-in-laws James Idaris and Mike Haidonis bought Campus Pizza and opened Campus Variety in 1981. Campus Pizza and Variety maintains a great

business, which they feel is a result of the college students.

"Ninety percent of the business comes from FSC," said Idaris, "we get

along great with the students."

In return, the college and community depend a lot on Campus Pizza and Variety. The restaurant

provides quick and satisfying food at reasonable prices.

Campus Pizza is a fast food restaurant, but it is not a chain. The business dedicates itself solely to the college students and the small area around it.

Mike and Jim show their strong dedication by always being present in the restaurant and the store. They split the hours weekly, each working an average of 60-65 hours per week.

When the two business partners are not working or doing things for the store or restaurant, they are busy being landlords. They rent out apartments to an average of 65-70 students a semester, in the surrounding neighborhoods.



Campus pizza has become a part of the FSC community

Joe Laro

Attorney Riley advises off campus resident

Tim Brooks
Strobe Staff

Has your landlord or landlady ever ripped you off? Did the heat ever go off and not get restored for a week? Have you ever had any problem with your apartment?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you should have been in Miller Hall at 8:00 p.m. on March 4.

Organized by the Commuters board, Attorney Bill Riley was there to answer all the questions or complaints that off campus students had.

Mr. Riley, who has been SGA's lawyer for 11 years, stressed that students living in apartments are often targets for landlords.

One student that attended was offered a 5% discount on her rent if she footed the bill up front for both semesters. First, Mr. Riley stressed the fact that paying rent for a higher time period than 30 days is against the law. Second, he also said that by paying the bill all at once the renter loses "leverage."

If the renter pays the bill all at the beginning of the year and something goes wrong in the house, the landlord already has the money. If the landlord is unreliable he may not do anything because he already has what he wants; your money.

If the renter pays by month

and something goes wrong, he can choose not to pay. This gives the renter back his "leverage". The landlord, wanting your money, has the choice of not getting the money or fixing whatever is wrong.

He also pointed out that landlords can only enter an apartment in an emergency or when they give the renter "reasonable notice."

When asked about liability if someone gets hurt at a keg party, Mr. Riley said that the people who run the party are responsible. He also mentioned that a lawyer would try to sue everyone that lived in the house, trying to get as much money for their client as possible.

The few students that did show up were glad they did. They got their questions answered and Mr. Riley gave them a direction in which to go so they could settle their disputes.

Riley also stated that if something that your landlord is doing offends your common sense, there is probably a very good reason.

If you do have a problem with your lease, apartment or landlord, Mr. Riley said the first thing you should do is call your landlord and talk to him about it.

If nothing prevails, then call Mr. Riley with your questions.

Main Street graced with Dagwood's Deli



Dagwood's deli offers unique choices

by Cliff Cain
Staff reporter

Since November of 1991, Main Street has been graced with the presence of Dagwood's, a high-energy deli owned by Dwight and Cheryl Mecure, the former owners of Plumb's Restaurant. Dagwood's is located at 490 Main Street in Fitchburg.

Upon opening the door that once led to Club 490, patrons find themselves in a foyer which leads to a spacious dining area which seats 70.

Once in the restaurant, they can't help but become overwhelmed by the busy atmosphere. The workers behind the counter scurry about in order to efficiently prepare

the many incoming orders without sacrificing quality. The bustle of Main Street can be seen through the plate glass windows at the front of the restaurant. The back is a fully stocked convenience store.

The busiest hours are from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. During the lunch hour, customers eat quickly because most of them are on a lunch break while others order their meals to go.

The chef, Ron Pahigan, believes that Dagwood's is the epitome of good food at an affordable price. Customers can generally purchase a sandwich, soda and a bag of chips for under five bucks. Sandwiches range in price from about \$2.50 to \$3.95.

The workers begin early in

the morning by picking up fresh bread at the bakery, and by baking their own croissants and bagels.

Pahigan finds the difference between Dagwood's and other delis to be Dagwood's home-made style of food. The restaurant cooks their own turkey and roast beef, and sometimes offers homemade soups and stews in an edible bread bowl.

The special of the house is the Dagwood; a half loaf of Italian bread with the middle hollowed out and filled with various meats and vegetables.

Dagwood's serves breakfast in the morning and offer such items as ham and egg croissants and muffins also.

Rag-time music resuscitated

by Cliff Cain
Staff reporter

The life and music of Scott Joplin was resurrected in the Kent Recital Hall on Thursday, February 27.

Robin Dinda, a professor of music at FSC lectured on the ragtime music of Scott Joplin and played some of Joplin's music on the piano. According to Dinda, ragtime music dominated the popular music scene from 1900 to 1920.

Ragtime piano music originated in the rural south west portion of the United States. It comes from a combination of European and Afro-American rhythms in which the left hand produces a strong steady beat in the "umpha" style, while the

right hand creates a melody which falls away from the strong beats. This gives rise to "imbalance and excitement," according to Dinda.

Ragtime was played in gambling houses for some time, but it was not published as sheet music until the late 1890's.

Joplin is considered the foremost writer of ragtime. Although his music went against popular trends, his persistence allowed him to be "king" of ragtime music.

Dinda referred to Joplin as a man who "excelled in small form. He was a short story writer as opposed to a novelist."

The pieces which Dinda selected for his recital included "The Maple Leaf rag," "Gladiolus Rag," "



"Rag-Time Dance," "Heliotrope Bouquet," and "Euphonie Sounds." As Dinda pointed out, Joplin chose "botanical" titles for his pieces.

In 1917, Joplin died of syphilis. Before his death he predicted that his music would become very popular in future years. Joplin's prediction came true in 1976

when he won a Pulitzer Prize for his music. His song, "The Entertainer," also reached new popularity as it was incorporated in the hit movie, "The Sting".

Poverty stricken youth in our own neighborhoods

By Eric Hellweg
Strobe staff

I would personally like to escort whoever wins the Democratic and Republican nomination up Gage Street, point out some problems found there, and discover their solutions. Let me give you an example of what I mean, along with some grassroots solutions friends of mine and myself have tried.

At any given time, day or night, the cries of young children can be heard. Sometimes they are the cries of pain, other times a cry of carefree youth, other times, one can't help but wonder if it is not a howl of rage, falling upon largely deaf, uncaring ears. Gage Street, and the barrios that surround it harbor no illusions of innocent youth. Children here play amongst used condoms, shards of glass and other debris. Their faces are sometimes as dirty as the streets on which they play.

I got to know a lot of these kids a couple of years ago when I first came to school. I come from a predominantly upper class town, and felt immensely sorry for these kids, whom I sensed would not see half the opportunities that I had handed to me. I took them in, I made them meals, played stupid games with them, tie-dyed shirts with them, and got to know them on a personal level. But after a few weeks of this, I started to notice things missing. A couple of dollars here, a few tapes there, nothing major, but enough so that I noticed their absence.

It was around this time when I woke up one morning to find the front windshield and the headlights of my car smashed in. Some simple investigating on my part discovered that it was these same kids that I had made such an effort to befriend and show that there was a world beyond Gage Street, and a big one at that, had smashed my windshield. I avoided them from that point on. My idealism was brutally shattered to the tune of \$150.

A couple of years have passed, and students have come and gone, but the children remain here. I still see them running around the streets at noon and wonder why they aren't in school, when their mother is home. Any ideas so far, Mr. Bush? Well, hold on, it gets better.

This year a wonderful vibrant young woman has moved in up the street and, along with some of her roommates, has taken a few of these kids in. They've given them paper and paints and encouraged creative thought, a train of thought no doubt foreign to them in their surroundings. Upon learning that a few of the kids didn't know how to ask for a particular paint, they taught them color. I've seen them give these kids baths, too.

I noticed the amount of time these kids were spending at this house and gently warned the girl that I had attempted the same thing, and that my efforts were met with theft and vandalism. Her spirits were inherently optimistic, perhaps somewhat naive, and she said she appreciated the warning, but everything was fine. Not more than two weeks later, she caught the kids stealing money from her and her roommates.

These incidents may seem minor, almost trivial to the reader, but it is a tremendous crush to the spirit of optimism when one's faultlessly pure attempts at righting a horrible situation fail due to jaded malice strikingly well engrained in a child so young.

Where is the parent in this case? Well, physically, they're right up the street, but emotionally? Functionally? Nowhere to be found.

Let's remove ourselves from the situation for just a moment. These kids are members of but one family on one street in one low income area of one city. They are by far not the only ones. They are products of uncaring parents mired in poverty and neglect. If something or someone does not break this vicious cycle, will they stay locked in their lives of despair?

Perhaps I'm asking too much of our leaders, I mean what makes the President of the United States uniquely qualified to ratify this situation? They have never seen the poverty like all of us here at FSC have just by living where we do. They are products of good breeding, old money and materialistic values. These kids and the President are like night and day. Never the twain shall meet? We must elect a man who will acknowledge the breakdown of the family on a level deeper than a sound byte. Someone who will show the millionaire oil boys in Texas that these people have just as much clout as citizens of The United States of America as they do, and are therefore entitled the same amount of attention and care.

I am a believer in the undeniable power of the human spirit, and therefore believe that these kids have a chance to escape their destiny. I hope that the man we elect as President will aid them in this escape, but that's just my optimism showing itself. I know, however, that the real path to their escape will come from within, perhaps as a result of a grassroots effort launched by myself and my friends up the street. In that regard, we are more powerful and caring than the President, because we have taken time out to show these kids, no matter how badly they spit in our faces, that there is a way out, and that there is hope.

Letter from the Editor

Last week *The Strobe* received an anonymous letter asking for more information in regards to the "Eating disorders" article published in our February 26 issue.

Normally, *The Strobe*'s policy does not allow us to publish letters that are not accompanied by an author's name. Although we are not publishing the letter, the editorial staff feels it is necessary, because of the nature of the letter, to publish a response.

Leominster Hospital provides a program for individuals who have an overeating problem. To obtain more information on the Overeater's program at the hospital, call Gail at 582-6182.

FSC's Counseling Services Center can also provide help for those with an overeating problem. The Counseling Services office is on the third floor of the Hammond Building, telephone extension 3152. Crisis hours are daily from 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., or you can call and make an appointment.

Hereforth, *The Strobe* will be willing to publish letters and withhold the author's name, as long as the author's name, and a means of contacting that author, are readily available to *The Strobe*.

Letter to the Editor

An Uncommon Public College?

By Sean Kenneally
Contributing writer

We started out as Fitchburg Normal School, and now we're an uncommon public college. Where did we go wrong? Did we go too far right?

Recently I've noticed we concentrate all of our energy in such a disjointed direction that nothing is accomplished. The Strobe dedicates half its opinion page to an article on environmental activism, but in the same week increases its circulation by more than a thousand unrecyclable papers. Why? Not because there are more readers, but because we have to accommodate the new fancy Strobe circulation racks.

On the same page MSCA president John Burke and Editor in Chief Tim Kane debate the underpaid department chairperson dilemma.

Meanwhile the college lays off student escorts, only to have our students stabbed in front of Campus Variety.

Ironically, we continue to shout about "townie violence", and no one has the guts to condemn our very own student violence. I think we all know specifically who I'm talking about.

The Barnes and Noble organization feels perfectly at ease buying your mint condition 30 dollar book for two dollars and wonders why they have a problem with theft.

Respect for women on campus is as easy to find as a stegosaurus, but Neanderthals remain the majority. The worst thing is there's nothing uncommon about this at all.

The unglorified profession

By Stephen M. Gemme
Staff reporter

We take them for granted. They are hard working and dedicated. They work for small wages and have one of the toughest jobs in the world. They are patient and strive for success in all they do, but settle for the best any one person can do. All because they believe in something called education. Even when all the politics of 1992 have come and gone, when budgets have been slashed and programs cut, there will still be one group dedicated to the positive spread of knowledge. They are our mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, distant acquaintances and dear friends. They are teachers, and they are the best.

I have a unique experience this semester. I have taken on the role of a teacher in a local high school. After six weeks of drafting lesson plans, taking attendance, correcting papers, and trying to answer the question "Why should we care", one thing is certain: teaching is more than just a notion. A professor told me that once, and I was skeptical. Now I have learned how tough and rewarding teaching can be. You cannot know how it feels to stand in front of a class of young people and share with them facts and experiences they have never had before, unless, of course, you do it.

It's not all glory and idealism; it's a hard job. How do you get their attention at 1:30 p.m. on a Friday afternoon? How do you convince them that it's a good idea to read the section in their text book rather than rummage through it for the answers to their homework? And when they are loud, or giddy, or so quiet you'd think you were in a morgue? All this is teaching, and all this is reality.

Few adults would disagree with the statement that education is important. Then why, despite its obvious importance, do we ignore it and neglect it? Why do we make the teachers in our schools objects of criticism, rather than honored members of our society? If there's a problem, blame the teachers, it's their fault!

Anyone who is even remotely involved in education knows better. Yes, some teachers should retire or go on to other jobs better suited to their needs. That can be said of most professions. But when you have to teach five or six classes every day, with class sizes in some places exceeding 40 students, can we really say it's all the teacher's fault? Not to mention the alcohol, drugs, violence (that includes guns in schools), or even heaven forbid, television. You think it's not easy being a student today? Try being a teacher!

And yet, they still go on, everyday, despite the odds against their success. Teachers do not chose their jobs for the glory or the money, but for the hope that maybe their hard work will pay off in at least one of their students. It's a small material return, but an immeasurable reward for the mind and soul.

In a time of record budget deficits, high crime rates, and things like AIDS hanging over students, the last thing we need is more criticism of our teachers. It's time to do more than pay lip service to our education establishment. Remember teachers for the hard workers they are, and never forget the difference they make every single day.

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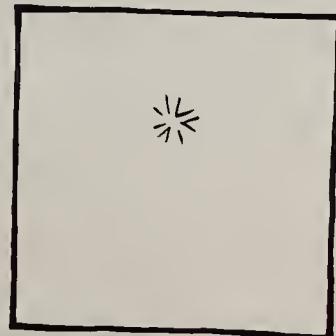
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A look back

by Steve Medina
Strobe staff

In March, 1987, FSC administrators felt the college had a good chance to receive funds for a multi-million dollar athletic complex. A \$1,000,000 grant was received by the state in 1983 to perform feasible study.

The proposed facility would have been built behind McKay School on 11.5 acres of land owned by the college. Inside the complex would be two basketball courts, a racquetball court, an indoor tennis court, a 25 meter swimming pool, a weight room, a dance studio, a track, faculty offices and athletic department offices.

When the current facility, Parkinson Gymnasium, was built in 1957, there were 600 students enrolled at FSC. Today, with the number of students enrolled well in the thousands, the need for a larger athletic complex is obvious.

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Announcements

*ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Meetings - Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Newman Center Activities Lounge,

*POST - ABORTION Concerns? "Project Rachel" can help deal with those concerns in a confidential, gentle, and dignified manner. For further information, contact either Fr. Rich or Lois at 345-2688.

*Newman Center Mass Schedule:
Sunday.....11:00 a.m.
Monday.....9:00 p.m. EVE
Tuesday.....4:30 p.m.
Wednesday.....4:30 p.m.

(Long Weekends - NO Sunday Mass)

Confessions: Monday, 8:30 p.m.
Any other time by appointment

The Campus Center Gallery is open to the public free of charge. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 2 to 6 p.m.

Hear Mary Gecewicz and Tom Landry, Assistant District Attorneys, speak on Legal Issues Concerning Rape on Thursday March 12, 1:30-2:30 in Hammond Building Classroom C---Sponsored by S.A.V.E.

Assertion Training will meet for five weeks beginning Tuesday March 24 at 6:30 p.m. in Counseling Services, 3rd floor Hammond Building.

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Student health services would like to advise students new to FSC this semester that they should have submitted a health form to Health Services. These students cannot register for next semester without submitting this form.

Steep screens, Pap smears, allergy shots, T.B. skin testing, immunizations, pregnancy tests, health education and more are available at Health Services. Most services are free of charge. Health services is located in the Anthony Building. Walk-in hours are:

Mon-Friday 10:00a.m.-11:45a.m.
Mon-Thurs. 3:00p.m.-6:00p.m.
Fri. 2:00p.m.-4:00p.m.
(Other times by appointment)

A support group for Survivors of Past Sexual Trauma meets every Tuesday from 3:00p.m.-5:00p.m. in Counseling Services, 3rd floor of the Hammond Building.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) group meeting every Wednesday from 3:30p.m.-5:30p.m. in B26 and B27 of the Hammond Building.

New tanning hormone created

CPS

What's the number one rule of tanning in the ultraviolet rays-conscious '90's?

Don't - as the Violent Femmes so eloquently stated in their smash cult party song - become a blister in the sun.

In the future, avoiding severe sunburn may be possible for the millions of people who don't tan naturally.

In an effort to protect people with sun-sensitive skin and those prone to skin cancer, a researcher in Arizona is working with a synthetic hormone that would produce a protective tan in humans.

In an article that appeared in the American Medical Association

Journal, Dr. Norman Levine, chief of dermatology at the University of Arizona, wrote about his experimentation with the hormone and humans.

Levine found that a group of healthy young men injected with the synthetic hormone 10 times over a 12-day period developed tans.

The most obvious areas of darkening were on the men's faces and necks, followed by their arms and legs which darkened a bit less. The men's midsections and buttocks didn't tan at all.

The men who volunteered for the experiment reported three side effects - warmth in the upper parts of their bodies,

flushed faces and stomach discomfort.

The study was accompanied by an editorial written by another dermatologist at the University of Cincinnati. He warned that no more testing of the hormone would be done with human subjects until laboratories further analyze the compound.

The pigment-regulating hormone is called NDP. The results of Levine's experiment with NDP were similar to the results of a study done 30 years ago that used a less pure compound and different trial methods.

Levine emphasized that the study was a preliminary one.

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54!!!!
Bucci

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As you like it.
362 Main St.

Chad,
Thanks for being there.
Love Jen

Cheryl,
Say Hello to BUMA for me, and while you're at it, count the tiles on the ceiling.
Love Jen

Kim,
Don't worry kitten, everything will be OK, as long as you are at the airport in May.
Love Always,
Mark

Monday Night Brawlers, Now that you have seen the Grandpa Squads' Power, you must be shakin'. We will stay on top!
Grandpas

Bonnie,
Thanx for a terrific month.
Hubba! Hubba!
Chris

Dear Kendra,
Happy Anniversary!
Love you lots!
Kevin

Donna
No matter what you say, we'll never believe you're speaking the truth about you and the Armenian!

LC

Ross -t, Comface, &

Fratus,
How do you get all those hot chicks. Especially Elle McPherson Look alikes
Love & Kisses,
DAKA Dave

Julio,
I know you sent it. I'm going to take up you're offer tonight!

Love,
Raul

Dougie-
Thanx for all of your advice. I value your opinions greatly. Thank you for being a friend.
Chris

To T.C.F.W.O.C.,
You make my life more meaningful. Without you I am a fly on the wall of life.

S.K.

ED,
At least it is a relief you know you learned something in 7 years of college.

Jay

ED,

You won, you are the superior player! You're right, this does hurt worse than loosing a case.

Jay

To my own personal genius,
Make sure you take care of yourself and eat plenty of rice and beans!

Love,
Your Little RAPSCALLION

DMS:
Trust?? Truthfulness?? Respect?? Friends?? Are you ASHAMED of her hiding in your room?? Is that all you can get???????

Marybeth,
goodluck on your internship meeting this Thursday. I know that you will do good!
But just not too good since I'm going right after you.

LC

Eric H.,
Ever since you left me, things just haven't been the same. The sun never shines as brightly, the birds don't sing as sweetly. Leave Marybeth and come back to me!

Love and hugs and kisses, (I promise!) L

GREEK NEWS

To the Phi Sigma Sigma Sisters:
We finally made it!
Our dream has become a reality!
DIOKETE HUPSLA
Steph

Congratulations to the new Brothers of the Mohawks!
Love,
The Sisters of Phi Omega Psi

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Around the world with Wayne

New "Wayne's World" movie a hit

by Dave Bergman
Contributing writer

As we rapidly approach mid-term exam week, you may find your stress level rising swiftly. Don't panic. Relax and unwind with "Wayne's World".

Some of the humor of "Wayne's World" is both sophomoric and comy, but this movie aims for your funnybone from all angles and connects more often than not. Starring "Saturday Night Live" regulars Mike Meyers as Wayne and Dana Carvey as Garth, "Wayne's World" rocketed to the number one position at the box office in the first week after its release.

The story line doesn't delve too deep nor does it claim universal appeal, but it does serve to set up zany antics that keep coming right up until the closing credits.

Wayne and Garth host an offbeat cable show in which a Chicago TV Executive, portrayed well by Rob Lowe, wants to take their show big time while exploiting the two stars in the process.

"Wayne's World" effectively parodies popular television shows such as "Star Trek", "Mission Impossible", and "Laverne and Shirley". This movie also exposes plastic Hollywood personalities and performs a bizarre take-off on well-known TV advertisements.

Ed O'Neill has a cameo performance in "Wayne's World" as a cashier at hockey legend Stan Makita's Doughnut Shoppe.

The laughter continues as Wayne and Garth meet Alice Cooper backstage at one of his concerts. Cooper's articulate insight on Milwaukee's colorful history would make any professor smile.

If you need a break from the pressures of studying, check out "Wayne's World". This movie certainly won't tap your brain too much.

Music fans swallow another "PIL"

by Richard Mutti
Strobe staff

PIL, formerly known as Public Image Limited, returns with "That What Is Not", the band's first album in three years. With John Lydon's unmistakable wailing voice, PIL has released its most raw sounding disc since 1986's generic "Album".

"That What Is Not" is not a breakthrough album for PIL, but it does provide some entertaining insights from punk's most controversial leaders.

The former Johnny Rotten takes a poke at censorship in "Acid Drops", the opening cut on the album. Lydon seems to say that you should be the censor of your own music.

"Who censors the censor, can I do it myself? Make up my own mind, like anyone else." At the end of "Acid Drops", Lydon samples from "God Save the Queen", a song which caused big concern for censorship in 1977.

The following track, "Lucky's Up", addresses the junkie who never learns. "So yet again I hear you're gonna clean up your act! But once a junkie - Always and that's a fact". One can only suspect that Lydon is still bitter from the heroin induced death of his school buddy, Sid Vicious.

The overall sound of "That What Is Not" reveals the garage-band style that PIL once demonstrated on their first three albums in

U2 finds their niche

by Edward D. McGill
Staff reporter

When one thinks of the rock band U2, thoughts of political awareness, metaphysical poetry, and musical brilliance may come to mind. "The Joshua Tree", "The Unforgettable Fire", and "War" were all classic rock LPs with rectitude and spirit never quite seen before.

"Achtung Baby", the bands first release since 1988's "Rattle and Hum", takes on yet another challenging issue; love. Never before has Bono sounded so desperate nor has U2 sounded so good. The atmosphere of the album is dark and thoughtful and the lyrics are despondent and beseeching.

Somewhere between 1988 and 1992, the band must have had major flashbacks to their early days of romance. Every song on "Achtung Baby" deals with the heartache acquired after a painful relationship. "Until the End of the World", "So Cruel", and "Acrobat" respectively display emotions of self-blame, animosity, and anger.

Musically, U2 ventures through territory they've never before set foot on, and once again have successfully challenged themselves. An exotic combination of 60's psychedelia, 70's punk and 80's pop create a wall of sound unequaled in today's music. They reach well beyond the traditional pop formula on such tracks as "The Fly", "Even Better Than the Real Thing", and the mesmerizing "One".

The culmination of all these efforts, however, are all brought together in the tune "Mysterious Way". A danceable rock beat scorches over a riveting analogy between a lover and the moon.

Bono sings, "Johnny take a walk with your sister the moon, let her pale light in to fill up your room... she's the wave. She turns the tide. She sees the man inside the child."

The aforementioned "One" is a hypnotizing ballad of intense emotional scrutiny. Bono can see the end approaching and asks what had been done to draw his lover from her dream. He pleads his case, and hopes for accord.

U2 has never sounded as brilliant and in control as they do in "Achtung Baby". This album may finally be what they've been looking for.

The Weekly Crossword

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Music fans swallow another "PIL"

the late 70's and early 80's. The music is less formulated and more raunchy than PIL's last two albums (*continued from page 11*)

"Happy?" (1987) and "9" (1989).

A first for PIL is the addition of brass in their music. The track "Covered" features the Tower of Power horn section providing a powerful addition to the group's new sound.

Religion became another target for Lydon's uncontrollable anger. The tune "God" takes a shot at today's religious leaders and the misuse of their followers. "How could I forget that, you're not finished yet, and that/ all that you have done, still adding the sum." To Lydon, religion has become a money gobbling monster that doesn't seem to be getting any better.

For the past twelve years, John Lydon has brought PIL through many changes. Despite the changes, Lydon's sarcastic wit reminds us that things aren't always as rosy as they seem to be.

FOUR FSC BANDS BOOKED FOR PERFORMANCE

Thursday, March 12 at the Middle East Cafe in Cambridge, four FSC bands will be performing. The bands include; Beyond Id, Lump, The Rope Farmers and Callithump! Buses will be transporting students to the event. The buses leave the front of Russell Towers at 7:00p.m. The Middle East Cafe is located on Mass Ave. in Cambridge. All ages.

Last week in South Africa

Policy shift in African National Congress

The ANC has released its proposed scenario of the transition to a democratic South Africa. The process would take place in under 18 months.

In a shift of policy, the ANC foresees a role for the tricameral Parliament in the first part of the two-phased transition. The first would last until after elections for a constituent assembly, while the second dealt with the management of the transitional process until the finalizing of the new constitution.

This policy shift would take no longer than six to nine months, said ANC secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa.

Mandella calls for more foreign pressure on government

African National Congress (ANC) leader Nelson Mandella, writing in a dutch daily newspaper urged foreign sympathizers to exert pressure on the South African Government to establish an interim government. He said in an article in De Volkskrant that President F. W. de Klerk was mistaken in allowing the March 17 whites-only referendum.

"By calling for this referendum (President) de Klerk is showing he does not see himself as leader of the entire South African population, but only as leader of the 15 percent who are white," said Madella.

Right wing government supports apartheid

The ANC would renew its armed struggle if a government of the extreme Right took power in the event that the referendum seeking support for dismantling apartheid failed, said ANC Deputy President Walter Sisulu.

In an interview with the German magazine Der Spiegel, Mr. Sisulu said that if President F. W. de Klerk did not get a majority support for a negotiated settlement, "then we could have a government of the extreme Right which would reintroduce apartheid."

Plenty of land for a free South Africa, says former Zambian president



Former Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda said the abolition of apartheid will give South Africans free access to land in other African countries.

"There is no need to kill for land in South Africa," Kaunda said in a recent news conference. He has been in South Africa to address a conference organized by the institute for Multi-Party Democracy. Kaunda said Africa would welcome a one-man, one-vote system in South Africa.

This would open the way to membership of the Organization of African Unity and the South African Development Co-ordinating Conference.

Land would be available for South Africans in Namibia, Angola, Zambia, Mozambique, and Ethiopia.

Kaunda said an African economic region stretching from Cape Town to Addis Ababa would be one of the world's strongest.

South Africa, Italy to sign agreement

South Africa and Italy are to sign an agreement to promote economic co-operation between them, Italian ambassador Mario Piersigilli said in Cape Town last week.

South Africa and Russian Federation establish full diplomatic relations

Russian Federation Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev and South African Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha signed an agreement in Pretoria last Friday night establishing full diplomatic relations.

Mr. Botha said, "This just about concludes our establishing relations with all the important powers of the world."

Bill for new school system is passed

The Education Affairs Amendment Bill- which provides for the introduction of State-aided "Model C" schools was passed last week.

Democratic Party spokesperson Mr. Roger Burrows said the Bill should not be applied until there had been a non-racial education forum for all interested parties.

Repling to the debate, the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr. Piet Marais, said the plan has not been formulated by politicians. He has personally consulted all his advisory bodies.

"In view of all the inputs, we could hardly not have proceeded with the plan," said Marais.

Wild Kingdom

By Anthony Rubino, Jr.

CLASSMATES

"Tim was so learned that he could name a horse in nine languages: so ignorant that he bought a cow to ride on." —Benjamin Franklin

The Old Person Who Sits In The Front



...but I'm sure that is before any of you can remember.

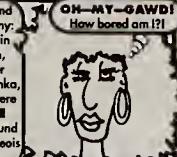
Not so fast sonny. I was 18 when the Civil War began.

The Dude Who Knows It All



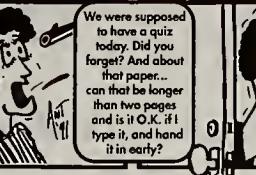
I disagree, and I'll tell you why: When I was in Bangladesh, shortly after leaving Sri Lanka, what I saw there was QUITE shocking. I found that the bourgeois class is...

The American Princess



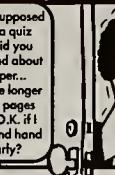
OH-MY-GAWD! How bored am I?

The Girl You Want To Shoot



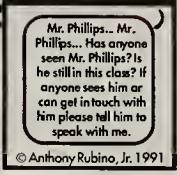
We were supposed to have a quiz today. Did you forget? And about that paper... can that be longer than two pages and is it O.K. if I type it, and hand it in early?

The Guy Who's Always Late



Mr. Phillips... Mr. Phillips... Has anyone seen Mr. Phillips? Is he still in this class? If anyone sees him or can get in touch with him please tell him to speak with me.

The Kid Who's Never In Class



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Brave New Whirl

By SCOTT-ALLEN PIERSON



NATURE ABHORS A VACUUM



ASK MR. COLLEGE

Q. Dear Mr. College, I have a ten page paper due next week and there's no way I'll be able to finish more than seven pages in time. Oh Mr. College, what should I do?—Stupified

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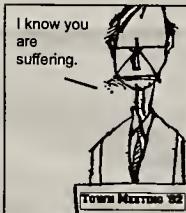
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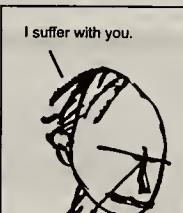


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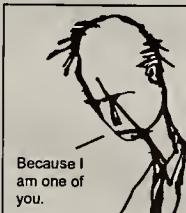
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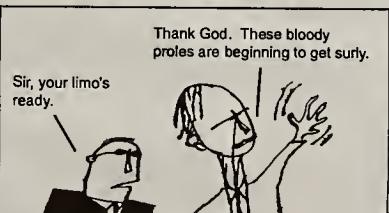
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Indoor track a national race

Stellar performances by Jason Cullinane and Jeff Modala the FSC men's indoor track team to an 8th place finish at the New England All-Division Championships Saturday.

Not only was this position the best one earned by any Massachusetts public institution, but it was the top spot for all Division III teams. The most impressive feat, however, was placing over every Division II team except the University of Southern Connecticut.

All-American Jason Cullinane started the ball rolling as he ran his season best time of 14:45.26 in the 5,000 meter to place third in the event, and at the same time qualify for the upcoming NCAA Division III Nationals.

All-American Jeff Moda, who holds the All-New England outdoor 200 meter title, narrowly added to his list of growing championships in the indoor 200 meter. Co-captain Moda's time of 22.07 was his fastest indoor time to date.

"I think if I was in a lane where I could have seen my closest competitor, I may have edged him out," said Moda.

FSC's other captain, Chris Smith, also had an excellent competition, as he cleared 14 feet in the pole vault.

As the indoor season is in the Peak Championship section, now the following athletes will compete in the ECAC meet at Bates: Jim Darcanegelo (long jump, 21'5"), Jim Navin (high jump, 6'6"), Chris Smith (pole vault 14 feet), Scott McCabe (pole vault 13'0"), Jeff Moda (55 meter 6.54, 200 meter 22.07), Jason Cullinane (3,000 meter, 8:52), and the distance medley relay team of Rich Carabba, Kevin Simoneau, Jim Devine, and Francisco Hernandez.

Fun and games

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Corpus Christie, Texas for the international tournament to be held at a later date.

Fitchburg also dominated in the table soccer tournament. Shawn (Aqualung) Robinson and Erik Ringuette came in second and third, respectively, in the individuals. They took the same two positions in the doubles tournament, as the combos of (Jazzy) Jeff Graziano/Robinson, and Rice/Ringuette

placed respectively.

Fitchburg also fared well in the darts tournament, as The Strobe's own News/State Editor Steve Straight placed third.

Tournament coordinator Paula Damereau was impressed with the participants. "The tournament was very successful," she said. "Some students raised their own money to participate. I think this shows the devotion these players have for their sports."

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FSC track members are making strides

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Softball: hard season ahead

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The Lady Falcons welcome some great new talent on the field as well. Stacey Mawn, a "heads-upplayer," will see plenty of action at third base.

Another newcomer who will see a lot of time this year will be Donna Martin. Martin will put her time in at second base and the outfield. "Donna is a real hustler," said Forget. "She'll go after everything."

The experience of the team will be especially prominent on the mound. Steamer Becky Cain will be the key pitcher this season. Cain was the primary starter last year, finishing with a 5-9 record, and a 4.84 ERA.

Teresa McGinn is also a returning pitcher. McGinn had a 3-5 record with a 3.98 ERA last season.

Also seeing some time

on the mound will be newcomer Jara Dupere.

Receiving the pitches will be Marsha Manna. Manna shows all the characteristics of an all-star catcher.

"Marsha hustles on every ball. She is always on top of things, she moves the infield around well, and is a very headstrong player," said Forget.

Kerry D'Amico, the only senior on the team, will be the starting shortstop. Returner Kerry Christiansen will see most of the action at first. Second base is still up for grabs between Nora Meeny, Allyson McGinn, and Martin.

"Some of the positions are still not set, because we haven't been outside much," said Forget. "We can't do much in the gym."

This situation shows up in the outfield, as the only clinched position there is center, where Jennifer Crane will do the honors.

"She follows the ball well," said Forget. "She also does a good job of backing other players up, and has a great arm."

With the warmer weather on the way, the Lady Falcons will practice as much as they can outdoors to try to fill the positions. Their first game is at home, against Mount Holyoke College, on March 26.

Forget realizes that with a relatively inexperienced team, it will primarily be a rebuilding year for the Falcons.

"Obviously, our goal is to make the playoffs," she said. "We can't wait to get started, and gain valuable experience."

Tracking the Falcons

ECAC North Playoffs

#1 Fitchburg (BYE)	4
#3 Framingham	1
So. Maine	3
#6 So. Maine	3
#4 UMass-Dart.	5
#5 Suffolk	2
#2 Assumption (BYE)	4

Fitchburg	Amherst
Wed. March 11 at Fitchburg 7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Assumption	WNEC

ECAC South Playoffs

6 #1 Amherst (BYE)	6 #1 Amherst (BYE)
Iona	2
Wesleyan	5 Wesleyan
Fairfield	3 Fairfield
Skidmore	6 Skidmore
WNEC	5 #2 WNEC (BYE)

The Fitchburg State hockey team will be bidding for its' third consecutive ECAC North championship and their fourth in the last five years, tonight at the Wallace Civic Center. Senior tri-captain Mark Abbott helped lead FSC into the final round with a pair of third period goals against Southern Maine in a 4-3 victory. The game will be broadcasted live on WXPL 91.3 FM.

FSC Men's Basketball 1991-92

Final Statistics

NAME	Pts. per game	Rbs. per game
Jeff Black	16.9	16.4
Nelson Oliver	16.2	1.6
Mike Oliver	12.3	7.1
Pat Williams	11.4	4.1
Kyle Reagan	7.7	2.7
Rich Harding	6.8	2.4
Mat Fallon	2.5	2.1

Men's basketball bounces short

by Eric Saczawa
Strobe staff

FSC men's basketball head coach Bob Bonci appears to be slowly but surely gaining a positive reputation for Falcon basketball. Although this year's team was not able to pull off a winning record, their 10-12 season was an improvement compared to the last two years' 6-18 seasons.

The 1991-'92 season started off with a bang. The first four games all resulted in victories, and the Falcons were off to the best men's hoop start in six years. The games were not just squeak-by wins, either. The closest of the first four games featured a 15 point margin, a road win at Western New England College.

Bonci credited the team's intensity to the flawless start. "We came into the season with fire in our eyes," he said. "The complete team effort was fantastic."

The Falcons' first doom day came on December 7 against Bates College. The Falcons played tough throughout the game, and looked as if they would win a close game. But a comeback win by Bates sent the game into overtime. The result: the first Falcon defeat.

Three technical fouls and poor offense paved the way to a 105-92 loss. The only bright side of the game was center Jeff Black's 22 rebounds to tie the school record for boards in a game.

Fortunately, it was the last game before intersession, so the Falcons had time to forget the loss.

When the Falcons returned to the court over a month later, they had apparently forgotten the Bates game. Once again, the Falcons looked strong. They won their first two games after the break, upping their record to 6-1.

They also beat their first MASCAC opponent, sterling cup for Worcester State, 109-89. The offense was dominating. And Black tied the rebounds per game record again.

Suddenly, the luck started rolling downhill. They lost four of their next five match-ups, and by the end of January, their record dropped to 7-5. The overall record was respectable, but they needed to play tougher in the MASCAC (1-3).

Things looked promising after the first week in February. They took two of their first three February matches, including their second MASCAC win against North Adams. Once again, Black achieved a Falcon rebound record. At North Adams, he grabbed his 720th career rebound, surpassing Rob Hill.

But the rest of the season was a nightmare. The Falcons would go on to lose five of their last six games, all to MASCAC opponents. The team intensity dropped with the games.

"At this level, the key is consistency," said Bonci. "The team consistency wasn't there down the stretch like I hoped it would be."

The Falcons' season came to an end on February 25, when they had to travel back to North Adams for the first round of the MASCAC tournament. This time, North Adams sent them back with a 74-65 road loss.

Coach Bonci feels that the season should have been much better. "After our 6-2 start, I had high expectations that we would do better," he said. "But we played some sloppy games and lacked intensity down the stretch. I think we should have pulled off at least 14-10 record."

After giving it more thought, Bonci added "but we are improving."

Baseball team coming together

by John Gillis
Staff reporter

Baseball season is almost upon us again, and the Falcons are ready to play. After last season's 5-23 record, you would think the attitude would be negative. But it's just the opposite. The Falcons have a great attitude, a young team, and a desire to play great baseball.

"I want to be more competitive this year," said head coach John McGuirk. "Our goal is to come in at least fourth place in the MASCAC division. That would qualify us for post-season play."

The Falcons had a big turnout this year for tryouts. Of the 55 who tried out, only 24 could make the team. McGuirk was left with the cream of the crop.

"We have more talent and depth this year than any other year I have coached," said McGuirk. "I will feel comfortable making any substitutions at any position."

The Falcons have picked a variety of significant new talent. Jason Donovan, a transfer student from American International College, will take over the left field position. He can also take the mound.



FSC baseball is underway

Strobe file photo

"He is a natural athlete," said McGuirk. "His hitting will help us this season as well."

Another great pick-up was freshman Victor Rojas. A Fitchburg High graduate, Rojas will be throwing the leather around at second base.

"He has great fundamentals," said McGuirk. "He gets to every ball that is hit near him."

The remaining positions will be filled with experienced Falcon athletes. Co-captain Shaune Ducharme will be bringing back his leadership behind the plate.

"He's our coach on the field," said McGuirk. "He's a great leader."

Bryan Wilson, also co-captain, will see time at first base this year. Jon Walden will play shortstop. Rounding out the infield will be Joe Moran at the hot-corner.

"Joe's defense has gotten a lot better," said McGuirk. "His off-season development into this year is outstanding."

Filling the remaining outfield position will be Steve Pickett, who will also be the bullpen closer. Right field is still wide open, as four players compete for the position.

Last but certainly not least is the pitching. The Falcons definitely need to find pitching, as they look to improve on last year's team ERA of 7.86. They also gave up more walks than they struck out, and FSC opponents had a .347 average against Falcon pitching. This year should be different.

The starting five will consist of John Basile, Donovan, Jim Deveny, Shaun McGriff, and Wilson. Long relief will come from Ken Kilduff, Walden, and Chad Mullin.

To go along with the Falcons' talent upside, they have a new attitude.

"I want the team to have a family-like atmosphere," said McGuirk. "They are all working for the same goal, and they all want to succeed."

The family attitude is more than evident. The Falcon baseball team is together like a pack of wolves. At the end of each practice, the team gets together and chants the team motto, "We Are One."

A big step towards the team unity will be the trip to Florida over spring break, where they will start their schedule by battling non-divisional teams. Upon the Falcons' return home, they start the tough MASCAC schedule. Saturday, March 28 they travel to Worcester to play two, and return home Sunday for another doubleheader against Nichols.

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Hockey team wins final four

by Eric Saczawa
Strobe staff

At the beginning of the season, the FSC hockey team came out strong, winning their first four games. Unfortunately, this would be the longest winning streak of the season. Until now.

With victories in their final four games of the season, the Falcons have equaled that four game winning streak. Throughout the streak, the Falcons have tripled their opponents' scoring production, 33-11. And if they continue playing with the intensity they have had lately, Wallace Civic Center may welcome another Falcon hockey banner to the arena.

The Falcons' last regular season game was proof that they intend to enter the playoffs in full force, as they defeated the Framingham State Rams, 7-4.

Both teams had trouble establishing scoring opportunities in the first period. Neutral ice found itself the setting for most of the action. Neither offense could reach the net.

Then Falcon forward Matt Park (ECAC North rookie of the year candidate) received a pass from Dave Gecoya and was able to open the scoring with 50 seconds left in the period. After the first period, FSC lead 1-0.

Both offenses were sparked in the second period. The Falcons scored the first two goals, as Dave Gromko and Tim Levesque tallied. With 12:55 remaining in the second stanza, the Falcons had accumulated a 3-0 lead.

"The Park-Barry-Gromko line motivated us

in the second period," said tri-captain Dan McNabb. "They really came through for us."

The Rams would not give up easily, however. They answered with two consecutive goals of their own. First, they took advantage of a power play, as Charlie Peacock was able to slip one by Falcon goalie Ken Schwabe. Mike Joy was the second Ram to score. With just under three minutes remaining Framingham cut the Falcon lead to 3-2.

Falcon wing Dave Greynolds would have none of that, however. With 1:15 left until the second buzzer, he took a pass from Park and scored the game winning goal.

The final period was similar to the second, as Fitchburg outscored Framingham 3-2. Park and Gromko each scored their second goal of the game, while Steve Lowney added a goal. Framingham's pair was produced by Joy and Joe Murphy.

The win was not as easy as the score indicated. McNabb was especially impressed with the Rams' goalie, Jones.

"He made a lot of great saves," said McNabb. "Their defense was what hurt them. They let us take better shots than they should have."

The Ram offense was also tough.

"They came at us with a lot of good shots," said tri-captain Ken Venis. "Schwabe and our defense made a lot of goal-saving plays to stop them."

The Falcon ice-men will try to stretch their winning streak to five and then six. It won't come easy, however, as it will take two consecutive post-season wins to do it.



Carrie Jorgensen

It's all just fun and games

by John Gillis
Staff reporter

FSC recently hosted the Association of College Unions International Games Tournament. Thirty-two colleges from the New England area participated in championship billiards, table tennis, table soccer, bowling, darts, backgammon, and chess.

This tournament was not open to just anybody. Each school held intramural tournaments in these events last semester. The top four from each school in each event got the nod to move on to the regional final in Fitchburg.

The most popular tournament was billiards. The game room was packed

with over 100 spectators throughout the weekend. A total of 64 billiards shooters participated from a number of different schools.

UMass Dartmouth came out on top, as Brian Boudreau took it all after two days of flawless shooting. When the finals came, he would face the challenge of Wayne Caterino, of UNH. The first player to sink the eight ball five times would be the champ. Boudreau accomplished this in only six games.

"I thought Wayne played tough throughout the tournament," said Boudreau. "He did some great shooting in previous games. He just got nervous when it came down to the championship match."

Boudreau is a veteran to

this tournament, as this was his third time participating in the regional finals. Boudreau advances to the international tournament, which will be held in Colorado at a later date.

Fitchburg State produced some fine showings in the tournament as well. Mike Caouette rolled his way to the bowling title. His first string ended with a perfect 300 score.

It was the first perfect game Caouette has ever bowled. "I threw a few practice games before the tournaments and was leaving nines and tens," said Caouette. "I knew I had an adjustment to make. The ninth strike was a close call but it fell."

Caouette will travel to (continued on page 14)

Softball: hard season ahead

by Eric Saczawa
Strobe staff

It's been a long, exhausting winter in the Parkinson Gymnasium for the Lady Falcons. No, not the women's basketball team - the softball team.

The FSC women's team has been practicing in the gym for almost two months now, fitting in around the baseball

and both basketball teams' schedules. With the recent warm weather, the Lady Falcons have finally had the opportunity try some outside sessions. And they're getting anxious to play ball.

"Rebuild" will be the word for this year's softball team. They are lacking sufficient experience, and will have to rely on a lot of new blood. Over half of the team is made up of first year players.

Speaking of new faces,

players won't be the only rookies this year. Head coach Ken Ellis is coaching in his rookie year with Fitchburg State.

"He is very committed to the team," said fourth year assistant coach Lisa Forget. "His only other experience with women's softball coaching was with a military team. But he will bring a lot to the team."

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